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## U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on December 1, 2002. The inventory was 8 percent below December 1, 2001 and 9 percent below December 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 but 2 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.89 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 589,000, 600-699 pounds were 660,000, 700-799 pounds were 417,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 311,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 5 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during November, 13 percent above 2001 but 14 percent below 2000.

## CATTLE ON FEED IN HISTORIC 7 STATES

Cattle on feed December 1, 2002, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.4 million, down 8 percent from the previous year and 8 percent below December 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.67 million, 5 percent above 2001 but 1 percent below 2000.

Marketings during November totaled 1.51 million, 2 percent below 2001 and 4 percent below 2000.

Other disappearance during November was 80,000 head, 18 percent above 2001 but 10 percent below 2000.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, October and November 2002

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1000 head					
Oct	809	638	*522	420	*2,389
Nov	589	660	417	311	1,977

Revised.

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, 7 Historic States and United States

State	Number on feed November 1			Placed during November			Marketed during November			Other disappearance during November			Number on feed December 1		
	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01	2001	2002	2002-01
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	301	290	96	31	32	103	27	24	89	2	3	150	303	295	97
CA	470	490	104	70	65	93	45	50	111	5	5	109	490	500	102
CO	1,170	1,060	91	175	190	109	180	170	94	5	10	200	1,160	1,070	92
IA	340	335	99	75	80	107	64	63	98	1	2	200	350	350	100
KS	2,670	2,300	86	410	420	102	420	595	94	20	25	125	2,640	2,300	87
NE	2,200	2,110	96	390	410	105	305	330	108	15	10	67	2,270	2,180	96
TX	3,080	2,730	89	430	470	109	500	475	95	20	25	125	2,990	2,700	90
7 States	10,231	9,315	91	1,581	1,667	105	1,541	1,507	111	68	80	118	10,203	9,395	92
Oth. Sts.	1,631	1,426	87	327	310	95	259	224	94	12	10	83	1,688	1,503	89
U.S.	11,863	10,741	91	1,908	1,977	104	1,800	1,731	96	80	90	113	11,891	10,898	92

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice 1100-1300 lbs				Choice 1000-1200 lbs			
	2001		2002		2001		2002	
Nov 16	65.78		68.48		65.65		69.30	
Nov 23	65.78		71.04		65.65		71.13	
Nov 30	65.85		72.96		65.69		73.22	

## CHICKENS AND EGGS

### FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-December 2002 averaged 58.0 cents per dozen, an increase from mid-November of 15.0 cents. Table egg production in Florida during November was 235 million eggs, down one percent from the previous month.

### UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.25 billion during November 2002, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.23 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 962 billion were broiler-type and 57.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2002 averaged 339 million, up slightly from a year earlier. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,140 eggs, up 1 percent from the 2,128 eggs in November 2001. November 2002 contained 21 weekdays, two holidays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays, two holidays and four Saturdays in November 2001.

All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2002, totaled 339 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 339 million layers consisted of 282 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 53.8 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.57 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2002, averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.76 billion eggs during November 2002, up slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers during November, at 316 million, was down slightly from a year ago.

**LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S., November 2002**

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	9,692	177	60.9
Arkansas	14,645	272	61.9
California	23,035	505	73.1
<b>Florida</b>	<b>10,817</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>72.4</b>
Georgia	20,122	421	69.7
Indiana	23,367	512	73.0
Iowa	37,986	844	74.1
Maine	4,220	75	59.2
Maryland	3,285	79	80.2
Michigan	6,698	150	74.6
Minnesota	11,472	248	72.1
Mississippi	6,726	130	64.4
Missouri	6,746	153	75.6
Nebraska	11,554	247	71.3
New York	3,826	91	79.3
North Carolina	10,768	207	64.1
Ohio	30,445	641	70.2
Pennsylvania	23,989	546	75.9
South Carolina	5,255	113	71.7
Texas	18,687	404	72.1
Virginia	3,035	62	68.1
Washington	5,157	113	73.0
Other States	22,507	486	72.0
<b>United States</b>	<b>338,593</b>	<b>7,246</b>	<b>71.3</b>

## HOGS AND PIGS

**FLORIDA INVENTORY** of all hogs and pigs was estimated at 35,000 head on December 1, 2002, unchanged from a year ago. Breeding inventory at 7,000 head was the same as last year's total. Market hog inventory of 28,000 head was same as December 2001. The pig crop for December 2001 through November 2002 totaled 98,000 unchanged from last year.

### UNITED STATES HOGS AND PIGS

**U.S. inventory** of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2002, was 58.9 million head. This was 1 percent below December 1, 2001, and 2 percent below September 1, 2002.

**Breeding inventory**, at 6.01 million head, was down 3 percent from December 1, 2001, and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.9 million head, was 1 percent below last year and 2 percent below last quarter.

**The September-November 2002 U.S. pig crop**, at 24.9 million head, was 2 percent less than 2001, and 1 percent less than 2000. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.82 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.83 pigs saved per litter for the September-November 2002 period, compared to 8.82 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

**HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing and pig crop, 2001-02, United States**

	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000 head		
December 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	59,804	58,943	99
Kept for breeding	6,209	6,012	97
Market	53,594	52,931	99
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups:			
Under 60 pound	19,908	19,461	98
60 - 119 pounds	12,924	12,919	100
120 - 179 pounds	10,744	10,736	100
180 pounds	10,018	9,815	98
Sows farrowing:			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	2,748	2,836	103
March-May	2,870	2,943	103
December <sup>1/</sup> -May	5,619	5,779	103
June-August	2,878	2,833	98
September-November	2,889	2,817	98
June-November	5,767	5,650	98
Pig crop:			
December <sup>1/</sup> -February	23,963	24,794	103
March-May	25,509	25,959	102
December-May	49,472	50,752	103
June-August	25,539	25,114	98
September-November	25,492	24,892	98
June-November	51,031	50,006	98

<sup>1/</sup> December preceding year.

## HATCHERY PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

The November hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 7,742,000 was eight percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 6,741,000, were three percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during November at 647,000 chicks was two percent below last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on December 1, at 726,000 were five percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

The November 2002 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 690 million, was down 2 percent from November of the previous year. There were 647 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 2002, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.9 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2002, down 4 percent from November 2001.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 31.1 million, down 3 percent from November 2001. Eggs in incubators totaled 28.4 million on December 1, 2002, down 4 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 223,000 during November 2002, down 15 percent from November 2001.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2001	2002	2002 % of 2001
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	29,499	28,422	96
Chicks hatched during Nov	32,081	31,078	97
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	261	223	85
7-18 months earlier <sup>1/</sup>	3,160	3,010	95
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Dec 1	640,603	646,990	101
Chicks hatched during Nov	702,607	690,024	98
Pullets hatched during Nov for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,261	6,938	96
7-14 months earlier <sup>2/</sup>	60,568	62,207	103

<sup>1/</sup> 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched May 2001 through April 2002. <sup>2/</sup> 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2001 through April 2002.

## MILK PRODUCTION

### FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 173 million pounds of milk during November 2002, down three percent from the previous November. Production per cow of 1,175 pounds was slightly below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in November totaled 147,000, three percent below last year.

### UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during November totaled 11.7 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from November 2001. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 2.1 percent from October 2001. The October revision represented a decrease of 26 million pounds or 0.7 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,501 pounds for November, 16 pounds above November 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.79 million head, 54,000 head more than November 2001, and 1,000 head more than October 2002.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:				
November	2001	152	1,170	178
October	2002	147	1,110	163
November	2002	147	1,175	173
20 Major States:				
November	2001	7,739	1,485	11,492
October	2002	7,792	1,541	12,004
November	2002	7,793	1,501	11,697
United States				
November	2001	--	--	13,305
October	2002	--	--	13,910
November	2002	--	--	13,555

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-	9,143	9,109	4,514	4,639	41,267	42,256
Apr-Jun	9,114	9,145	4,683	4,806	42,681	43,954
Jul-Sep	9,098	9,159	4,459	4,572	40,570	41,874
Oct-	9,105		4,483		40,818	
Annual					165,33	
Total	9,115		18,139		6	

<sup>1/</sup> Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for November 2002 was 5.7 million pounds, seven percent below the same month last year. Commercial production of red meat in the United

States for November at 3.91 billion pounds, was two percent below 2001.

### Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	November 2001	October 2002	November 2002	Year to date 2001	Year to date 2002
<b>Florida</b>					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) <sup>1/</sup>	9	9	8	82	89
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	11	13	10	92	97
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,968	2,373	1,955	17,243	18,004
Red meat production (million pounds)	6.1	7.1	5.7	57.3	62.4
<b>United States</b>					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,903	3,267	2,861	32,589	32,959
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,644	4,149	3,606	39,683	41,179
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,255	1,270	1,260	1,218	1,249
Beef production (million pounds)	2,201	2,512	2,164	23,997	24,982
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	87	101	91	921	946
Total liveweight (million pounds)	27	31	28	296	296
Average liveweight (pounds)	308	308	308	321	312
Veal production (million pounds)	16	19	17	179	178
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,716	9,403	8,656	89,541	91,606
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,345	2,483	2,315	23,606	24,242
Average liveweight (pounds)	269	264	268	264	265
Pork production (million pounds)	1,733	1,831	1,709	17,469	17,951
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,970	4,382	3,907	41,852	53,309

<sup>1/</sup>Does not include calf slaughter data.

### Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions November 2001 and 2002

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2001		2002		Grade	2001		2002	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Medium #1	119.86	103.36	116.53	95.00	Large #1	81.24 <sub>1/</sub>	76.04 <sub>1/</sub>	94.09 <sub>1/</sub>	79.12 <sub>1/</sub>
Medium #2	103.10	87.63	98.40	82.26	Medium #1				
					Medium #2	84.63	72.00	84.35	71.74
All grades	112.13	94.61	105.68	86.49	All grades	91.99	77.18	88.96	75.83

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service. <sup>1/</sup> Unavailable.